

VISN 19-WIDE MULTIPLE AWARD TASK ORDER CONTRACT (MATOC)

QUESTION AND ANSWERS

Note: Part one of Questions and Answer terminated with question 20.

Question 21: Sheet AS110, General Construction Note #10 states that the contractor is to furnish temporary freezers / refrigerators. Will the contractor be expected to match the cubic footage of the existing freezers / refrigerators respectively, or will less cubic footage be acceptable? If less CF is acceptable, will the VA specify their cold storage cubic footage requirements? Will the VA provide a site map indicating where these temporary units will be staged? Will the VA provide specific information about the location of 480v power to run these units? This information is requested to ascertain the overall cost factors for this temporary refrigerator / freezer equipment requirement.

ANSWER 21: An amendment to the solicitation stating historic rental of -24-foot dual compartment portable units.

QUESTION 22: The RFP States in Factor 3--Past Performance:

Offeror shall demonstrate corporate experience by submitting up to five (5) relevant projects completed within the last five years similar in size and scope to this Project. Past Performance Questionnaire (PPQ) is listed as an attachment to this solicitation. PPQ shall be provided by the interested MATOC offeror to their previous or current customers for completion and direct submission to the Government. Completed PPQs shall be emailed to: Robert.Moreno3@va.gov for receipt no later than 17 March 2015. Hard copies of completed PPQ may be mailed to: VISN 19 Network Contracting Office (NCO), 2360 E. Pershing Blvd., Stop 442/90C, Cheyenne Wyoming 82001. Regarding this requirement, our firm has not been able to receive confirmation of completed PPQs from all of our client POCs due to personal leaves taken in conjunction with spring break. We respectfully requests an extension to the PPQ and final proposal submission deadline for this proposal in order to meet all proposal requirements.

Additionally, our firm is requesting to know when it can expect to receive notification of responses to these and the prior stated questions in previously submitted emails.

ANSWER 22: The PPQ submission date was extended via the answers 2, to the Question and Answers in amendment A00001 to the date and time of the solicitation's closing of 31 March 2015. This date is further extended to the revised closing date of 09 April 2015 at 10:00AM Mountain Time.

Question 23: In addition to our previous request, Our firm has also experienced considerable turnover with some of our POCs with past projects and would like to know if it would be acceptable to submit previously completed and signed PPQs from former VA personnel who were very familiar and involved with our past projects. Please advise.

ANSWER 23: The Government will accept previously completed PPQs however; they must reference the MATOC solicitation in the email transmitting the PPQ and be signed by the client.

QUESTION 24 : Specification Section 11 41 21 – Walk In, Part 2.2 – Condensing Units describes the air-cooled condensing units and provides instructions for rack mounting in a closet or outdoors as a weatherproofed unit, possibly with crankcase and receiver heaters. We do not find instructions as to exactly where the condensing units are to be located, and if outdoors, whether the crankcase / receiver

heaters should be provided. If the condensers are to be installed on the roof, we request refrigerant piping routing instructions from all units to the roof.

ANSWER 24: Condensers should be located on the roof. For the 3rd floor condensers core drill the roof directly above the unit and place the condenser on the roof directly above its respective cooler/freezer. Provide gooseneck at roof penetration to prevent water intrusion. For the ground level freezer roof space located above the freezer to the plan north. Core through the exterior wall and place condenser on adjacent roof space. Seal penetration with appropriate flashing and silicone sealant.

QUESTION 25: Specification Section 11 41 21 – Walk In, Part 1.2 – Related Work includes Section 23 09 23 – Direct Digital Control System for HVAC. This Section was not included in this Project Manual. Will there be any requirement for Direct Digital Controls for this project? If so, we request information on that scope of work and the DDC Specifications.

ANSWER 25: Provide interposing contact wired to nearest DDC control module for common alarm circuit for each cooler/freezer. Contractor to enlist the DDC supplier for re-programming of the alarm contact into the central monitoring program.

QUESTION 26: During the site walk, phasing was mentioned. Please clarify the phasing plan.

ANSWER 26: Reference: 01 00 00-1.6G, Drawing GI 003. The solicitation is listing areas of construction as alternates with the base bid being refer/freezers. Office area (Alter. 2) would be a phase, as would the cook's area (Alter. 1)

QUESTION 27: It was mentioned during the site walk that the site is very congested. What area will be provided for the contractor staging area and where will this area be located?

ANSWER 27: Space for a small construction office trailer and a maximum 25' CONEX shall be allotted at the area direct south of the south wing (construction area). The contractor shall be responsible for all off station storage.

QUESTION 28: What is the required haul route for debris from the third floor? Will the service elevator in the kitchen be available to the contractor for debris removal?

ANSWER 28: West windows in the base bid area and Alternate 2 area are anticipated to be utilized for trash chute. Any use of the elevators will require continuous cleaning by the contractor during each use. Construction barriers shall include antechambers between construction and non-construction areas.

QUESTION 29: No access was provided to the second floor below the kitchen during the site walk as the areas are lab spaces. Can photos and plans be provided for those areas? Please also clarify what access the contractor will be provided in these areas during construction. What is the dimension from floor to ceiling and ceiling to concrete deck above?

ANSWER 29: The lab area has suspended acoustical ceiling panels throughout. Access by the contractor will be coordinated by the COR as scheduled by the contractor. Work to be completed in the ceiling of the lab will be scheduled through and approved by the Lab Supervisor. Once work is scheduled, the contractor shall provide appropriate protection the lab equipment.

QUESTION 30: Will the VA allow the SDVOSB submitting GC to have a teaming agreement in place with another GC and allow the SDVOSB to utilize the other GC's Project experience?

ANSWER 30: No. Sub-Factor 1-1: Medical Construction Experience, Basis of Evaluation states, “The basis of evaluation shall include the relevant medical construction experience of the offeror as a prime construction contractor directly responsible to the owner, managing multiple subcontractors, and coordinating with multiple stakeholders with a minimum contract value of \$500,000 or more.”

QUESTION 31: Factor 3 - Past Performance page 20 of 69 requires up to 5 relevant projects. Should the Past Performance Questionnaires directly coincide with the projects submitted for Factor 3?

ANSWER 31: The Government will consider a maximum of five projects for Sub-Factor 1-1 AND maximum of five projects in Factor 3. If more than five are submitted for each factor, then the projects submitted will be randomly selected to limit the total to five projects. The remainder will not be evaluated. Projects submitted must meet requirements in the factors. Factor 1 Medical Experience includes the verbiage “Submit a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of five (5) recent and relevant construction projects” and Factor 3 Past Performance includes the verbiage, “...submitting up to five (5) relevant projects completed within the last five years similar in size and scope to this Project.”

QUESTION 32: If there is already a CPARS evaluation completed, is a PPQ still required for projects submitted in Factor 3?

ANSWER 32: No, the Government will accept copies of CCASS and CPARS which are endorsed by Government client.

QUESTION 33: How many PPQs are required to be returned?

ANSWER 33: Only the Past Performance Projects need to include PPQ evaluation submissions. For Factor 3 Past Performance, VA will accept up to five (5) relevant projects completed within the last five years similar in size and scope to this Project.

QUESTION 34: Please confirm if we are to repeat items a-e under Factor 3-Past Performance since file size is a concern and those items are also included under Sub-factor 1-1.

ANSWER 34: The Government will consider a maximum of five projects for Sub-Factor 1-1 AND maximum of five projects in Factor 3. If more than five are submitted for each factor, then the projects submitted will be randomly selected to limit the total to five projects. The remainder will not be evaluated. Projects submitted must meet requirements in the factors. Factor 1 Medical Experience includes the verbiage “Submit a minimum of two (2) to a maximum of five (5) recent and relevant construction projects” and Factor 3 Past Performance includes the verbiage, “...submitting up to five (5) relevant projects completed within the last five years similar in size and scope to this Project.” In respect to size concerns please see Answer 1 of amendment A00001’s Questions and Answers.

QUESTION 35: If submitting a proposal under a teaming agreement, does the Government require a copy of the teaming agreement be included with our proposal?

ANSWER 35: The Government will recognize the integrity and validity of contractor team arrangements; provided, the arrangements are identified and company relationships are fully disclosed in an offer or, for arrangements entered into after submission of an offer, before the arrangement becomes effective. Note: See Question 30.

QUESTION 36: Bullet B of the Email Submission Procedures states that only one email is permitted, please confirm if we are allowed to submit one email for each of the two proposal volumes.

ANSWER 36: The 5MB email limitation is imposed by the VA as a whole to all departments nationwide. This limits our capacity for individual email receipt to 5MB of content/size. The Government will allow multiple emails with attachments. Emails must be clearly labeled, for example, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, and 3 of 3. The last email must be received by or before the closing date and time for the proposal to be considered. The Government will not take responsibilities to reconstruct missing data or attachments

QUESTION 37: Should the bid bond for the MATOC seed project reference VISN-19 MATOC Construction and solicitation number va259-15-R-0018 or Replace dietetics and Canteen Refrigerators project 575-14-100?

ANSWER 37: The bid bond should reference the "Replace Dietetics and Canteen Refrigerators and Freezers Project Number 575-14-100.

QUESTION 38: Within Amendment 1 you have answered numerous questions regarding the expected inability of Offerors to meet both the RFP submission requirements for the Technical Proposal and the 5MB email size limitation. You have not directly stated that multiple email submissions would be allowed, only that you cannot guarantee that they will be assembled or available in total for evaluation. I understand that the size limitation is outside of your control; however we are respectfully requesting a directive from you that provides a reasonable solution as to how the Offerors can submit the requisite amount of information in a format that will provide a complete submittal that can be evaluated in total by the Government.

ANSWER 38: See answer 1 to amendment A00001 and Answer 39 above which both read in part, "The Government will allow multiple emails with attachments. Emails must be clearly labeled, for example, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, and 3 of 3."

QUESTION 39: (Proposal Requirements: Subfactor 2-2 Safety) Our Corporate Safety Policy manual is over 4" thick and in PDF format is in excess of 6.8MB. Please advise on how to address the fact that our safety program exceeds the current 5MB file size limitation.

ANSWER 39: See Amendment A00001 response to Answer 1.

QUESTION 40: (Proposal Requirements: Factor 3—Past Performance) Can CPARS or CCASS evaluations be provided with the proposal package in addition to the required PPQ's in case our owner representatives do not submit their response in a timely manner?

ANSWER 40: See answer 6 of amendment A00001.

QUESTION 41: Recommend VA eliminate the 5MB maximum file size, allow hand delivered proposals. The amount, of material required by the RFP will be much larger than 5 MB.

ANSWER 41: See answer to question 39 above.

QUESTION 42: What is the distance from the floor to the structural deck above on the third floor?

ANSWER 42: 14'3" -3RD FLOOR TO L.P. PF FINISHED ROOF. CONCRETE PAN JOIST-10.5"

QUESTION 43: Please confirm cubicle curtain tracks are not required on this project. There is a specification section for them, but nothing in the drawings that indicates they should be installed.

ANSWER 43: Cubicle curtain track in room 3223-1, Weighing.

QUESTION 44: Please confirm that the contractor is responsible for supplying and installing all refrigeration equipment (spec section 11 41 21).

ANSWER 44: The contractor is responsible for all refrigeration equipment, new and temporary.

QUESTION 45: Re: Volume II- Price. The RFP does not provide instructions on what documents we are to submit for Volume 2:

So far we plan to provide:

- SF 1442,
- Amendment 01
- Bid Bond - (here or in Volume I: Factor 4 – Price for SEED PROJECT)
- Certifications and Reps

ANSWER 45: Page 16, paragraph 1.7A states proposal shall consist of two (2) separate volumes with the Volume 2 being the Price Proposal. The SF 1442 with pricing proposal information, signed by an official authorized to obligate your firm, and copies of amendments issued also bearing the signature of an individual authorized to obligate your firm, and Certification and Representations. The bid bond submission criteria is to be in accordance with paragraph 1.5B “Proposal Requirement”, shall be mailed to the address listed in block 7 of the SF1442 and be received at the address no later than the closing date. Images of the bid bond if included in the Price proposal will not be accepted.

QUESTION 46: In the amendment, it stated that the contractor is to “provide at least two portable refrigerator/freezer (REEFERS) compartmented 28 foot trailer units”. Can you provide a location that these trailers are to be located as it relates to the utility connections? Also, are these trailers to have ramps, decks or stairs provided or are they to back up to a dock?

ANSWER 46: Portable refrigeration trailers shall be located within seventy-five (75) feet of the freezer unit as indicated on solicitation drawing AS110.

QUESTION 47: Re: FACTOR 3 – PAST PERFORMANCE

Amendment 1 clarifies that we can submit a CCASS or previously completed PPQ for each project referenced.

Are we to provide the CCASS or will VISN 19 get it during their search of our company?

Can we provide you with our completed PPQ for another project;?

ANSWER 47: CCASS reports will be extracted by the VA from the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) and or Federal Awardee Performance Integrity Information System (FAPIS). Vendors may include customer endorsed images of the reports with their proposal.

QUESTION 48: Page 17 of the RFP asks us to provide four things (a through d) for each project in Sub-Factor 1-1: Medical Construction Experience. Page 20 of the RFP asks us to provide the same information (a through e). Are we to provide the same project information in Sub-Factor 1-1 as well as Factor 3 – Past Performance for the same 5 projects?

ANSWER 48: See answer 10 of amendment A00001.

QUESTION 49: Page 5 of 69 states bond forms SF25A, but we are unable to find these forms we find see attached with these be acceptable? Thank you. Vendor attached SF 24-98, SF25-14, SF25A-14a.

ANSWER 49: The forms attached are various revisions of the same form. The SF 24-98 is a 10/1998 version, the SF25-14 and the SF25-14a are both 8/2014 revisions. The current form is the SF25A-14a with a revision date of 8/2014. The form may be accessed at <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/category/100000> Click at the left "Forms Library", then on "Standard Forms", and then scroll to locate the SF25A.

QUESTION 50: " Factor 3 – Past Performance requests that completed PPQs be emailed to Robert Moreno directly. Some of our Point of Contacts feel that continuously providing PPQs for proposals is too time consuming if they have already completed a PPQ for the project in the past or an existing CCASS or CPARS evaluation exists. If the offeror has a PPQ or an official CCASS or CPARS evaluation on file for the projects they are submitting may we include them within our proposal in lieu of having them emailed directly into the government?

Amendment A00001 ANSWER: The Government will accept previously completed PPQs however; they must reference the MATOC solicitation in the email transmitting the PPQ and be signed by the client. The Government will accept copies of CCASS and CPARS which bear the signatures of the Government and or commercial end client as part of your proposal."

While it makes some sense that the PPQs, old or new need to be signed by the client, we are trying to figure out why and how an official record on a federal website needs to bear a physical signature. The VA has access to CCASS/CPARS and can easily validate the content of any docs in our proposal. We cannot change the government's info there.

The response above appears to instruct that we download report(s) from CCASS/CPARS, print them out, create PDFs of the docs, forward them to federal contracting officers by fax or email asking them to sign the document somewhere (or create some kind of document for them to sign?), ask them to re-PDF the whole thing and forward it to you. Isn't a CCASS/CPARS report sufficient on its face since you are able to directly access the original data online? Please clarify.

ANSWER 50: The answer posted to question 6 of amendment A00001 reads in part, "The Government will accept copies of CCASS and CPARS which bear the endorsement of the Government and or commercial end client as part of your proposal." CAPRS and CCASS report which bear the endorsement (electronic) of the Government client need not have a wet signatures. The wet signature applies to PPQ submitted by the clients of the interested vendor.

QUESTION 51: Page 25 requests a bid bond of the seed project pricing which is estimated between 500,000.00 - 1,000,000.00 what amount will you need for the bid bond to show as not to exceed? And will you accept an electronic bid bond followed by a mailed original?

ANSWER 51: An original Bid Bond, in the amount of twenty (20%) percent (but not to exceed \$3,000,000) of the bid price shall be mailed to the address listed in block 7 of the SF1442 and be received at the address no later than the closing date and time. Bid bond is required for the MATOC seed project value, not the whole MATOC contract. Electronic bid bond submission will not be accepted.

QUESTION 52: Technical Proposal Sub Factor 2-3 item 4 does not read as a QC criteria but as Safety Management. Can you confirm that this item is required?

ANSWER 52: Yes, General Experience, Sub factor 2-3 item 4 is required.

QUESTION 53: Can you define the location of the four phases?

ANSWER 53: Reference drawing GI003-base bid, Deduct #1, Deduct #2, Deduct #3

QUESTION 54: Can we work off hours?

ANSWER 54: Hours of Work and Scheduling: All work will be done during the normal work week Monday through Friday, except holidays 7AM to 4:30PM unless otherwise scheduled. Work will be scheduled through the COR. Any contractor request to work outside the normal hours will be requested from the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) at least 48-hours in advance.

QUESTION 55: Rm 3219 open area does not show finishes on new wall surfaces.

ANSWER 55: Adjacent wall facing 3219-1 shall be as defined for the interior of the new spaces. All other areas of 3219-1 shall be match to existing.

QUESTION 56: Spec Section 01 00 00 calls for the GC to provide 24 hour unarmed security guards on the project for the duration of the project. Will this be required?

ANSWER 56: See answer 4 from amendment A00001.

QUESTION 57: I was just wondering how you wanted the VISN 19 MATOC submitted. I can find in the RFP that is required to be e-mailed and I can also find where it is to be delivered as an original and 1 copy. I was just wondering which it would be. I don't think that with all the requirements of the RFP that it will fit on an e-mail so I was planning on delivering one original and one copy. Is that ok.

ANSWER 57: In amendment A00001 to the solicitation we provided the below response to question 1:

"The 5MB email limitation is imposed by the VA as a whole to all departments nation-wide. This limits our capacity for individual email receipt to 5MB of content/size. The Government will allow multiple emails with attachments. Emails must be clearly labeled, for example, 1 of 3, 2 of 3, and 3 of 3. The last email must be received by or before the closing date and time for the proposal to be considered. The Government will not take responsibilities to reconstruct missing data or attachments."

The above response applies to the Technical and Price proposal submissions. The bonds need to be in original and arrive here prior to the date and time of closing of the solicitation.

QUESTION 58: Our controls subcontractor is requesting the make of the BAS system for the refrigeration/HVAC controls. Johnson, Siemens, Autonet? According to plans, all systems are to be tied back to existing BAS stations.

ANSWER 58: Reference: 23 09 23 Direct Digital Control Systems. 1.1A2 defines the requirement for BACnet compatible with the existing Johnson Controls Metasys system. The intent of the referenced specification is to allow the vendor to install equipment and interface with the existing building management environmental control system.

QUESTION 59: What is the desired temperature set point for coolers and freezers?

ANSWER 59: Freezers/-10 to -5 degrees F. Refrigerators/32 to 40 degrees F.

QUESTION 60: Preferred manufacturer?

ANSWER 60: Not a determination. Specification driven.

QUESTION 61: Section 2.8 requires a “cooler” section in front of the Freezer.

ANSWER 61: Section 11 41 11-2.8 requires a vestibule utilized as a higher temperature refrigerator section.

QUESTION 62: Is this required for both the 1st floor freezer and the 3rd floor freezer?

ANSWER 62: Third floor freezer/refrigerator unit only.

QUESTION 63: Are we to provide a separate condenser/evaporator unit for this section? If not, how is this to be accomplished?

ANSWER 63: Separate condenser/evaporator sections for the freezer/refrigerator unit.

QUESTION 64: Section 3.2: the start-up procedure requires a maximum temperature drop of 8 degrees per day. This will require 8-10 of observation to bring the units to set point. Is this what you want?

ANSWER 64: Yes

QUESTION 65: What is the preferred defrost type for the refrigerators? (Time-off or electric heat)

ANSWER 65: Time-off

QUESTION 66: Do you want the condensers located inside the or outside the building?

ANSWER 66: Condenser units are to be located on roof directly above evaporator section.

QUESTION 67: Is there a preferred or current HVAC Controls contractor in the facility? If so please provide contact information.

ANSWER 67: Digital control system is Johnson Controls Metasys

QUESTION 68: Will there be any special requirements (x-ray or GPR) for floor penetrations?

ANSWER 68: Floor and roof construction is concrete joist and pan. All penetration will be coordinated in the pan section between web blockouts and structural joists.

QUESTION 69: Where will the two portable refrigerators/freezers (REEFERS) be located during construction?

ANSWER 69: Within seventy-five (75) feet of the canteen freezer unit-see drawing AS 110.

QUESTION 70: How long prior to commencement of construction will they need to be in place?

ANSWER 70: Five (5) day verification of temperature. Dependent on approved construction schedule.

QUESTION 71: Do we assume that the VA will move food items to the units?

ANSWER 71: VA shall be responsible for food relocation.

QUESTION 72: Drawing AS601- Equipment Schedule NIC – Will the contractor need to install this equipment?

ANSWER 72: Contractor will not install VA equipment.

QUESTION 73: Drawing PP101- second floor plumbing demolition plan – demo note #5 addresses plaster ceiling in 1 area only, are the other areas for demolition also above plaster ceiling.

ANSWER 73: 2247-1 has plaster ceiling. 3219-1 has plaster ceiling.

QUESTION 74: Can the 3rd floor food elevator in the dietetic area be utilized for construction debris removal and new material transportation from the 1st floor.

ANSWER 74: SEE ANSWER 28.

QUESTION 75: Does the VA have a preference on manufacturer?

ANSWER 75: Not a determination. Specification driven.

QUESTION 76: Who is existing equip manufacturer (I should be able to get from pictures)

ANSWER 76: Walk in refrigerators (3) are original construction. Refrigerator/freezer is Bally: model 48781, S.N. J49011.

QUESTION 77: How many new data drops? Will Government provide locations more clearly defined on drawings?

ANSWER 77: SEE DRAWING E103.

QUESTION 78: How many new voice drops? Will Government provide locations more clearly defined on drawings?

ANSWER 78: SEE DRAWINGS E001 AND E103 FOR SYMBOL DEFINITION.

QUESTION 79: Will Contractor replace existing fire, surveillance, and PA cabling?

ANSWER 79: Contractor is responsible for any and all contract related modifications to fire alarm, access controls and PA (Mass Communication) systems.

QUESTION 80: What are the existing cable routes?

ANSWER 80: Pathways are generally parallel to corridors.

QUESTION 81: Are any of the cable routes in plenum space?

ANSWER 81: Plenum implies areas above ceilings are return air. There are no return air plenums related to this contract.

QUESTION 82: Can voice and data share termination box?

ANSWER 82: Yes

QUESTION 83: Will Contractor use existing conduit, ladder rack, and/or other raceway or new required? If new, how much and where?

ANSWER 83: Existing cable tray may be used.

QUESTION 84: Understanding that the tile match may not be exact – is it still the Government's intent to patch the finish in the tile?

ANSWER 84: Existing ceramic tile was installed in 1948. Professionally chosen matches deemed necessary.

QUESTION 85: Will elevator adjacent to 3rd floor kitchen be available for construction services?

ANSWER 85: SEE ANSWER 28.

QUESTION 86: Will electronic Auto Cad Drawings be provided to the successful contractor?

ANSWER 86: Yes

QUESTION 87: Will craning of equipment need to be accomplished on weekends?

ANSWER 87: No, appropriate scheduling by the contractor shall allow craning/rigging an established work weeks.

QUESTION 88: We can't find ducting for 1-EF5 and 1-EF6 on the drawings, where does the duct terminate and what material is it?

ANSWER 88: 1-EF5 and 1-EF6 are NOT included in this contract

QUESTION 89: Will any phases require night and/or weekend work?

ANSWER 89: The majority of construction work is expected to be scheduled for normal work week, Monday through Friday, 07:00 to 17:00. Construction work outside of the normal business hours may be accomplished but is dependent on the workload of the affected service (Lab, Nutrition, and Canteen). Work outside of normal hours is also dependent on an approved contractor's work schedule.

QUESTION 90: Is there a location designated for the temporary Freezer/refrigerators?

ANSWER 90: SEE ANSWER 69

QUESTION 91: : Is there a manufacturer/model of new permanent Freezer and refrigerator that the VA has identified that they would like to install?

ANSWER 91: Not a determination. Specification driven.

QUESTION 92: Is the lead paint isolated in the coolers only?

ANSWER 92: YES, cooler doors have been found to have lead paint. The contract anticipates removal of the door without abrasion procedures with landfill disposal.

QUESTION 93: Does the VA know the quantity and location of known ACM piping insulation? On sheet PP101 Plumbing demolition plan notes # 3 indicates there is ACM pipe wrap on these lines. These are waste lines and do not have any insulation on them nor is there any ACM in this mechanical room.

ANSWER 93: For bidding purposes, 50 lineal feet/1 ½" pipe per State of Colorado Regulation 8.

QUESTION 94: Sheets AS130 & AS131: For the third floor exterior wall (west side) after demo of plaster are we to reframe/furr out the wall? If so, what wall types are they to be? Also for the exterior wall do you want thermal insulation?

ANSWER 94: Exterior walls shall be 3 ½" metal studs @ 16" O.C. with R13 fiberglass insulation.

QUESTION 95: Corridor 3251, are we to demo existing flooring/Terrazzo border or are we to install new floor covering over the existing?

ANSWER 95: Remove base of existing terrazzo border to allow for new vinyl composition tile and rubber base. Remove excess zinc ground to allow for floor tile continuity.

QUESTION 96: Sheets AS130 and AS131: For the North wall of rooms 3216 and 3217 are we to demo the existing tile and furr out the wall with gypsum board partitions or is this wall to remain as is? If not leaving as is, what wall type are we to install?

ANSWER 96: Exterior walls shall be 3 ½" metal studs @ 16" O.C. with R13 fiberglass insulation.

QUESTION 97: Sheet AS13 ceiling legend C4: it says to install new gypsum board on existing structure, but on sheet AS501 detail 6 it shows gypsum board on metal studs. Please verify if existing structure is metal studs or are we to frame a new metal stud structure.

ANSWER 97: Ceiling is requiring new metal stud framing.

QUESTION 98: Sheet AS501 detail 3: it shows a wainscot up to 36" AFF. What material is this?

ANSWER 98: Stainless steel

QUESTION 99: Has the plaster ceiling been tested for ACM and/or do you expect that it is ACM?

ANSWER 99: The gypsum plaster is not expected to be asbestos tempered.

QUESTION 100: Sheet AS901 on the finish schedule for room 3215: it shows the base to be (E) epoxy base-1. This is a new room. Please verify if we are to install new epoxy base or rubber base.

ANSWER 100: No epoxy in room 3215-1. Provide epoxy patch if necessary. Provide new rubber base.

QUESTION 101: Sheet AS901, room finish note #- finish schedule for room 3215: says all new walls in the kitchen area to receive ceramic tile to full height. Since there is no door to this room (open to the kitchen) should this room receive ceramic tile or should we paint this room as shown on room finish schedule?

ANSWER 101: Provide case opening per detail 3/AS601

QUESTION102: For the plumbing demo and new installation as well as core drilling on the second floor: What time of day can this work be performed? This area is the lab which operates 24/7, will we be able to work in this area during normal business hours or will it be on off hours as to not impact the sensitive and calibrated equipment?

ANSWER 102: The majority of construction work is expected to be scheduled for normal work week, Monday through Friday, 07:00 to 17:00. Construction work outside of the normal business hours may be accomplished but is dependent on the workload of the affected service (Lab, Nutrition, and Canteen). Work outside of normal hours is also dependent on an approved contractor's work schedule.

QUESTION 103: Sheet E601 panel 1EQ3D1 note 1 states to remove all abandoned circuit source from panel and exposed conduit and wiring to devices. Is there any information showing where these are abandoned and what are devices are?

ANSWER 103: Intent is to remove all abandoned circuits on the plan drawing, E101/Third Floor.

QUESTION 104: Typical demo experience with in this hospital has shown that once plaster walls and framing to these have been demoed to the floor there is a layer of light weight concrete that has been poured in place after the walls where originally constructed which post demo leaves a void in the subfloor down to the concrete deck that has to be repaired and leveled out to accept new floor covering. Is this anticipated to be the condition of this area?

ANSWER 104: This condition is anticipated demolished areas

QUESTION 105: Sheet E103 demo key note #2: Calls to remove all existing inactive cable all the way to the source. Is there a quantity of existing inactive cables in the cable tray? Is there any information showing where the source is?

ANSWER 105: Remove to room 3432-1 (west wing, E401). Bid twenty (20) cable at 250 feet.

QUESTION 106: 3rd Floor Demolition Plan drawing page M-101: Regarding removal of the radiant heaters and piping to the second floor, is it known if there ACM piping insulation on these pipes below the floor in the lab area?

ANSWER 106: ACM on the supply and condensate lines servicing the perimeter wall heating units are NOT anticipated to be found.

QUESTION 107: The scope of work provided in Amendment 1 states "The areas of renovation contain Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM) such as: asbestos-cement board, and asbestos wrapped steel piping. The contractor shall survey the area and develop the necessary abatement plans and procedures in accordance with the State of Colorado..." Please clarify if the contractor is required to include asbestos removal in the price proposed for this seed project. Removal is not identified anywhere on the drawings, nor is an asbestos report provided. There is no way to quantify the asbestos removal without further instruction

ANSWER 107: Yes, the contractor is to include asbestos abatement per spec section.

QUESTION 108: There are light fixtures shown on the drawings labeled type A, B, C, and D. Will the Government provide the Manufacture #?

ANSWER 108: Not a determination. Specification driven.

QUESTION 109: We would like the opportunity to bid Florock Resinous Flooring as an equal to the products specified for the above named project (see Subject)."

ANSWER 109: Review and approval of "equals" are NOT given prior to award.

QUESTION 110: Sheet E101 Electrical power key notes 12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20 and also on sheet E102 lighting key note 3: these are identified as being deducts. Are these for alternate deduct 1 or 2 as show on G1003?

ANSWER 110: Bid as Deduct 3.

QUESTION 111: Plans do not show where the refrigeration condensing unit equipment is to be located. It is noted the refrigeration equipment is not to be located on top of the walk-ins. Please provide preferred locations.

ANSWER 111: SEE QUESTION 24

QUESTION 112: Spec Section 01 00 00 calls for the GC to provide storage space to the VA during project. Is this something the VA requires? If so how much storage space is required?

ANSWER 112: The contract is requiring the contractor to furnish refrigerated units for food storage.

QUESTION 113: Can you define the location and type of the temporary barrier walls?

ANSWER 113: See G1001-the life safety plan indicates intent of barrier walls. Walls shall be: 3 1/2" metal studs, floor to ceiling or structure, 5/8" type "X" gypsum board adjacent to construction space, taped and primed.

QUESTION 114: Sheet M-102, Detail #2 – Roof Plan. Does any of the depicted work on the roof "belong" to any of the Deductive Alternates?

ANSWER 114: Roof work involving air handler unit and ductwork is considered deduct alternate 2.

QUESTION 115: Return air duct appears to be within deduct alternate 1, if this alternate 1 is taken will the return duct be re-routed?

ANSWER 115: For bidding purposes, include duct as drawn in deduct alternate 2.

QUESTION 116: On the finish plan on sheet AS901, room finish schedule for room 3219: it shows to paint ceiling with PT-1. Are we to paint entire ceiling? If so are we to repair plaster where there is plastic sheeting covering the area where the plaster is falling down and fix all cracks to existing plaster ceiling?

ANSWER 116: Paint ceiling of 3219-1 only to construction barrier.

QUESTION 117: In the Abatement Spec Book, submitted by Guidon Design dated 6/25/14, Fig 1-IHI Environmental dated March 2014: shows ACM throughout entire Dietetics area. Are we to abate the entire area or just where the new construction will be?

ANSWER 117: Any abatement, lead or asbestos, is for the bid alternate areas. The IHI drawing was given to indicate third party review of the issue.

QUESTION 118: Do the plaster ceilings that require demo contain ACM? It does not show this on the Attachment to the abatement specification Fig.1.

ANSWER 118: The gypsum plaster is not expected to be asbestos tempered.

QUESTION 119: Has the first floor area been tested for ACM?

ANSWER 119: Rooms 1239-1 and 1240-1 are not anticipated to contain ACM.

QUESTION 120: Page 68 of 69, item #4 Phasing A. 3 and 4: It appears that the scopes of work indicated on are out of order since the finish renovation to corridor 3251 is deduct alternate 3 and the renovations to the area indicated on number 4 is deduct alternate 2. Please verify that the phasing is correct.

ANSWER 120: Phasing for this contract is a function necessary to maintain the operational mission of the VA, hence, food preparation and distribution. Phasing is not listed as a consecutive time integral of the performance period.

QUESTION 121: Sheet PP101 drawing number 3 indicates the waste lines that are to be demoed: Our field survey shows this area to be extremely congested with other piping, duct work, electrical conduit and utilities. Would it be acceptable abandon these lines in place?

ANSWER 121: No, abandoned piping is to be removed.

QUESTION 122: Sheet PP101, drawing #4 shows the routing of new waste lines: Our field survey shows that along this line there is a large piece of duct work that would make it impossible to use this route to run the new waste line. Would it be acceptable to install the waste line through room 2222 to the existing waste riser? Also this area of work is adjacent to the 27/7 operating lab and we are concerned about the impact the work will have on the sensitive equipment in the lab (demo, hammer drilling, core drilling etc.) and we would like to know if there are windows of time that can be coordinated with the lab in which this work can be performed; when those windows would be available (regular or off hours) and how long the work timeframe would be?

ANSWER 122: Differing site conditions may allow for field revisions.

QUESTION 123: Sheet M101 mechanical demo plan note 1: shows removing 6 steam radiators. Is the removal of radiant heaters limited to these 6? For work need on the second floor (lab area) to remove and cap off the steam piping, can this work be done on normal business hours or does this need to be done after hours, since the lab operates 24/7? What is the access policy for the lab as to not disturb their operation?

ANSWER 123: Six (6) cast iron radiators. Contractor's work schedule will coordinate piping removal.

QUESTION 124: On sheet E401, Technology keyed note #1: shows all telephone and data outlets to terminate in room 3030. During our field investigation to determine the capacity of existing cable tray we could not remove the ceiling tiles in the corridor to get a visual of the cable tray. Is it acceptable to install the cabling with J hooks mounted to the wall instead of cable tray?

ANSWER 124: J-hooks may be used if space in existing cable tray is not available and as approved by COR.

QUESTION 125: During field investigation looking above ceiling of existing offices on west side of dietetics (will be alternate deduct 2 on sheet G1003) it was observed that there is some existing and abandoned metal structure for and old ceiling with multiple conduits and electrical junction boxes. Should this structure be removed and the electrical raceways and boxes re-supported?

ANSWER 125: Remove structure as demolition. Intent is to remove all abandoned circuits on the plan drawing, E101/Third Floor.

QUESTION 126: SHEET E101 demolition notes: states contractor shall be responsible for tracing and identifying all circuits and conduits that originate, pass through or terminate in the area of work and to demolish all circuits that are no longer in use. We believe that some conduits and conductors could in fact be feeding devices on more than just the 3rd floor, to what extent do we need to go to achieve this requirement. Please clarify the depth of the scope of this anticipated work.

ANSWER 126: For bidding purposes, the extent of tracing and identifying shall be limited to the third floor and terminate at the 2nd and 4th floors.

QUESTION 127: The environment drawing Fig 1 shows that all the transite asbestos recesses panels are to be removed in the entire kitchen area. Is this correct or just in the office/freezer area on the west and south walls?

ANSWER 127: Window wells of west and south walls.